

Remarks

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 56-61 and 90-97 are pending in the application, with 56, 57, 58 and 60 being the independent claims. Claims 1-6 were previously canceled, and claims 7-55 and 62-89 are sought to be canceled herein without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 58 and 60 are sought to be amended. New claims 90-97 are sought to be added. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Restriction Requirement

In reply to the Office Action dated December 19, 2005, requesting an election of one invention to prosecute in the above-referenced patent application, Applicant hereby elects to prosecute the invention of the 7th Group, represented by claims 56-61, and newly added claims 90-97. It is believed that new claims 90-97 read upon this elected Group. This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed.

This election is made without traverse. However, Applicants note an error in the recitation of the Groups on page 2 of the Office Action. The 7th Group, represented by claims 56-61, is noted in the Office Action as corresponding to FIG. 27. Applicants respectfully disagree. Applicants assert that the 7th Group, represented by claims 56-61, corresponds to the embodiment shown in FIG. 18.

The Office Action on page 2 indicates that FIG. 18 corresponds to the 3rd Group, represented by claims 41-45. Applicants again respectfully disagree. The 3rd Group, represented by claims 41-45, corresponds to Section 7 of the Application.

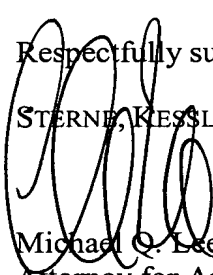
Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement, and consideration and allowance of all pending claims, are respectfully requested.

Conclusion

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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